

(Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3459 proposed to S. 2549, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 342—A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE WEEK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 17, 2000, AS “NATIONAL HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WEEK”**

Mr. THURMOND submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

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Whereas there are 105 historically black colleges and universities in the United States;

Whereas black colleges and universities provide the quality education so essential to full participation in a complex, highly technological society;

Whereas black colleges and universities have a rich heritage and have played a prominent role in American history;

Whereas black colleges and universities have allowed many underprivileged students to attain their full potential through higher education; and

Whereas the achievements and goals of historically black colleges and universities are deserving of national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning September 17, 2000, as “National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week”; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States and interested groups to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for historically black colleges and universities.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I am pleased to rise today to introduce a Senate resolution which authorizes and requests the President to designate the week beginning September 17, 2000, as “National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week.”

It is my privilege to sponsor this legislation for the 15th time honoring the historically black colleges of our country.

Eight of the 105 historically black colleges, namely Allen University, Benedict College, Claflin College, South Carolina State University, Morris College, Voorhees College, Denmark Technical College, and Clinton Junior College, are located in my home State. These colleges are vital to the higher education system of South Carolina. They have provided thousands of young people with the opportunity to obtain a college education.

Mr. President, these institutions have a long and distinguished history

of providing the training necessary for participation in a rapidly changing society. Historically black colleges offer our citizens a variety of curricula and programs through which young people develop skills and talents, thereby expanding opportunities for a lifetime of achievement.

Mr. President, through passage of this Senate resolution, Congress can reaffirm its support for historically black colleges, and appropriately recognize their important contributions to our Nation. I look forward to the speedy passage of this resolution.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

**COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES**

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 25, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on the National Missile Defense Program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet Tuesday, July 25, 2000, at 2:15 p.m., on pilot shortage.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Tuesday, July 25, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., on S. 1941—Fire Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 25, for purposes of conducting a full committee business meeting which is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 25, at 9:30 a.m., hearing room (SD-406), to receive testimony on the disposal of low activity radioactive waste.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS**

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 25, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., and 3 p.m. to hold two hearings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS**

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on public safety officers' collective bargaining during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 25, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS**

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, July 25, 2000 at 10:00 a.m., in room 485 of the Russell Senate Building to conduct an oversight hearing on the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, July 25, 2000, at 2 p.m., in SD226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND FAMILY POLICY**

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy of the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 25, 2000, for a public hearing on fatherhood initiatives.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON TAXATION AND IRS OVERSIGHT**

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight of the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 25, 2000, for a public hearing on Federal income tax issues relating to proposals to encourage the creation of public open spaces in urban areas and the preservation of farm and other rural lands for conservation purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the privilege of the floor be granted for the